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Daytime DUI Arrests

On March 25, 2004, Washington State Patrol troopers arrested four intoxicated drivers, three before 8 a.m. Two of the intoxicated drivers were from the same incident in South Kitsap County. All four of the arrests were from collisions.

At 6:53 a.m., troopers responded to a reported collision on Woods Road in Port Orchard, and as a result of the investigation, arrested two drivers for DUI. At 7:08 a.m., troopers responded to a collision on State Route 3 just north of State Route 308. A driver had crossed the median from the southbound lanes and struck a northbound vehicle. The causing driver was arrested for DUI. At 1:47 p.m., troopers responded to a collision in Gorst where a vehicle had struck the barrier. The driver was arrested for DUI.

"Daytime drunk drivers are not unusual, but arresting four in one day is very much out of the ordinary," stated Captain Mark Thomas, District 8 (Bremerton area) Commander. Troopers arrest over 100 intoxicated drivers each month in Kitsap County. In the first two months of 2004, troopers have arrested 254 intoxicated drivers in Kitsap County, 32% more than the same time last year. In the last 12 months, troopers arrested 1,331 intoxicated drivers in Kitsap County, 26% more than the previous 12 months.

"Troopers in District 8 are committed to getting drunk drivers off the road. It is our number one priority," stated Captain Thomas. "We are making a difference each day in the safety of our roadways," he said.

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